

Press Notice

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Mr Falkingham is appointed as Trustee of the National Museums Liverpool

David Lammy, the minister for Culture, announced today that Jonathan Falkingham has been appointed as a Trustee of the National Museums Liverpool. Mr Falkingham's term of appointment will run for four years (22 May 2006 to 21 May 2010)

Biographical notes

Jonathan Falkingham RIBA FRSA is chief executive of property developer Urban Splash, which he founded in 1993 with Tom Bloxham MBE. Urban Splash has received 178 awards to date for its commitment to regeneration, architecture, design and enterprise. From a standing start and through the re-investment of profits Urban Splash has created over 3,000 new jobs, 1,000 new homes and a million square feet of commercial space and is investing over £1 billion in regeneration projects across the country including: Castlefield, Manchester; New Islington, the third Millennium Community at east Manchester; Altrincham, Cheshire; Ropewalks, Liverpool City Centre; Royal William Yard, Plymouth; Fort Dunlop, Birmingham; Lister Mills, Bradford and the Midland Hotel, Morecambe. Jonathan is a chartered architect and director of Liverpool based shedkm, he is a fellow of the Royal Society of Architects. Other personal awards include Institute of Directors North West, 2005 Director of the Year; The Ernst & Young National Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award (1999) and LADT Award 2000 for Personal Contribution to Liverpool's Built Environment. He is a Member of the Liverpool Urban Design and Conservation Panel.

Background

The National Museums Liverpool was established as a National Museum in 1986. Its origins go back to 1851 and the founding of the Liverpool Museum. It comprises, World Museum Liverpool, the Walker Art Gallery, the Lady Lever Art Gallery, Sudley House, the Merseyside Maritime Museum, the Museum of Liverpool Life, the HM Customs & Excise Museum, and the National Conservation Centre.

The NML Trustees give their services on an honorary basis but out of pocket expenses and travel/subsistence are reimbursed.

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.